



The Branding Iron

DUARTE HISTORICAL SOCIETY & MUSEUM

JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2018

A TRIBUTE TO HISTORIAN LUCILLE MORRISON



Lucille Morrison was a great contributor to Duarte's history and we are thankful for her tireless efforts in recording life in Duarte in its pre-incorporation years. Lucille and Wayland Morrison owned a 27 acre ranch in Duarte which is now the site of Westminster Gardens.

Lucille was so passionate about chronicling life in Duarte, that it is said she only slept a few hours at night.

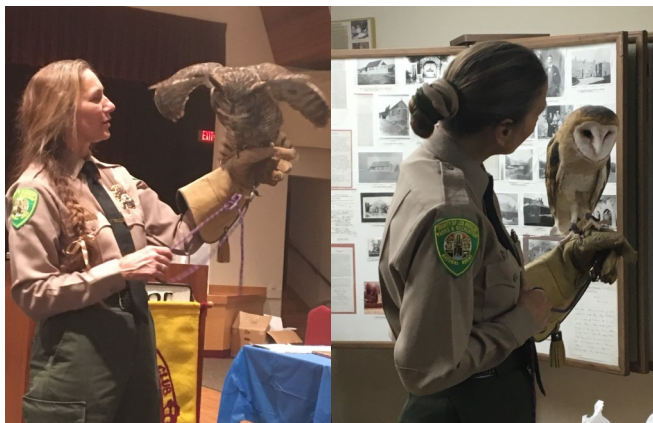
About 25 volumes of cut and pasted newspaper articles are in the Duarte Museum library. The volumes are labeled with subjects such as: Tragedies in Duarte, School Events, Sports, etc. She was also a prolific author penning such books as the *Lost Queen of Egypt*, and several children's books including *The Blue Bandits* and the *Attic Child*.

Morrison was an avid doll collector and donated much of it to the Museum of Natural History in Los Angeles. She was the founder and first president of the Duarte Community Service Council and responsible for the city's first libraries.

RT. 66 ON ROAD TO BECOMING A NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL

A bill that passed the House of Representatives on June 5 a month after it cleared the House Natural Resource subcommittee, brings Route 66 closer to becoming a National Historic Trail with all of the bonuses that come with it such as Federal dollars for promotion and preservation.

UP CLOSE & PERSONAL WILDLIFE PRESENTATION JULY 22, 3 P.M.



*Bring the family for this
exciting event*

★ STARRING ★

NAOMI, a red-tail hawk

PROFESSOR WOODY OWLBERT,
a great horned owl

SORA, a barn owl

A variety of harmless snakes

Dozens of pelts of local wildlife

Admission is free

ADDED BONUS:

Local Author Marisela Adams will talk about
and sell her new childrens book:
KIKI THE BEAR



P-22 Day Festival and Urban
Wildlife Week
October 27—11 am to 4 pm
Griffith Park
National Wildlife Federation
Free

ANNUAL SPRING BIRD WALK



A few dozen birders trekked the bioswale trail, then crossed the Puente Largo bridge to the first spillway led by Ornithologist Kimball Garrett on April 8. About 48 species were spotted including California Quail, Vaux's and White throated Swifts, a variety of hummingbirds, a Merlin and Red crowned parrots. The entire list of birds spotted may be found on the museum website: www.RanchoDe.Duarte.org.



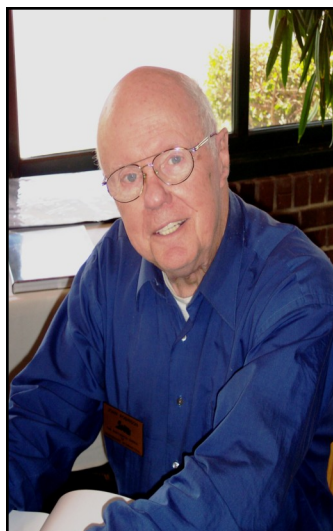
DOROTHY & MONTY MONTGOMERY PLAQUE DEDICATION JULY 21, 3 P.M.

It was a normal day on Huntington Drive when suddenly motorists stopped in awe. A house, cut in two, was headed east, followed by the school band. From its location on Royal Oaks and Cotter it was plopped down on a dirt lot on Encanto Parkway. With Monty's expertise the house was renovated and turned into a museum while volunteers installed the precious historical items. By the time the park was finished it was ready for visitors.

Monty died on February 19, 2013. Dorothy passed away on August 30, 2017. Their hard work and dedication has resulted in the first-class museum we have today.

*Please Join Us to Honor This
Amazing Couple*

JOHN W. ROBINSON LEAVES THE MOUNTAINS



July 8, 1929—April 24, 2018

He was often referred to as the John Muir of the San Gabriel Mountains. Author, naturalist, school teacher and wanderer of local trails, John W. Robinson penned dozens of books including *The San Gabriels I and II*, *Gateways to Southern California*, *Mines of the East Fork*, and *Trails of the Angeles: 100 Hikes in the San Gabriels*. These books

surely reside in the collections of anyone who cares at all for our local wild lands. He is considered one of the region's leading authorities on the San Gabriel Mountains. Robinson died on April 24 at the age of 88.

As said by Glenn Pascall, author and Sierra Club member who penned his friend's obituary: "John Robinson may no longer be among us, but

JAYASINGHE TRACES CHILD- HOOD HOME OF BUDDHA



Dr. Sunil Jayasinghe presented a virtual tour of India and Nepal to prove his belief that the Buddha's childhood

in Nepal. He has since requested UNESCO to follow his research and declare the area a national heritage site with all the protections that it offers.

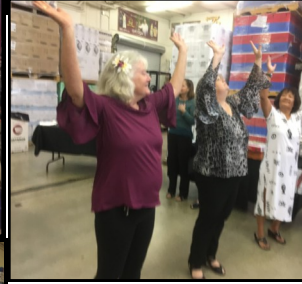
SCANNING

Volunteer scanners may be found hard at work at the museum almost any day. Here John Simmons scans newspaper while his wife does the cutting work in the other room.



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Cuisine
Marina Chung
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Kathy Kirchner

THANKS TO TARGET



Twenty years ago Target donated a television for our Museum Library. Times have changed! Now they

have replaced it with a new flat screen. We appreciate their generosity.

STUDENTS TOUR MUSEUM

Third grade students from Royal Oaks School visited the Duarte Historical Museum on April 19. Many thanks to Lorrie Rosenfeld for coordinating this annual outing. The students seemed to be especially interested in our "old fashioned" technology such as rotary dial telephone.

AZUSA EAGLET LOST



Photo by Tokuo Nakamoto

Since an eagle nest was discovered several years ago just below Morris Dam on Hwy 39, birders have regularly visited to witness the birth of eaglets and the life of the adults. Sadly, the precarious nest recently fell and a baby lost. Will the adults build a new nest?

WESTMINSTER GARDENS

Residents of Westminster Gardens visited the Museum on March 22 and were treated to a tour by Historian Steve Baker, assisted by Zoe Osburn. Soon WG will return the favor and offer a tour for our Museum members. WG has a rich history going back to the days it was created as a home for Presbyterian ministers.

In the future, this newsletter will only be mailed to members. It is available to all at RanchoDeDuarte.org

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

July 18, 4 p.m. DHS Board Meeting

July 21, 3 p.m. Monty and Dorothy Montgomery plaque dedication at the Museum.

July 22, 3 p.m. Live wildlife show and talk. Bring the kids! At the museum—free.

Sept. 22, 10 a.m.: Duarte's Salute to Route 66 Parade.

Sept. 22, Noon: City of Duarte Annual Picnic at Royal Oaks Park.

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